

should they be more than the physician's wife as nurse for his patients, or the school teacher's wife as assistant? I have never been in a church, as the minister's wife, which felt they were entitled to my time and strength, or, at least if they did, no hint ever reached me. The minister's wife holds the position of any other Christian woman in the church, and that simply. Where can any reason be found for anything more? Is it not, or should it not be, the joy of every Christian man or woman to do all in their power for the furtherance of the Master's kingdom from love to him? This I believe every earnest Christian woman will do, be she layman's or minister's wife, but not because she is one or the other. Sometimes the cares of home require all the time and strength of the wife, and shall she worry or be worried because the Lord has not made her an anomaly, capable of performing two duties at the same time? Why should there be anything said by the church about the minister's wife, unless she is a frivolous, worldly woman who destroys his influence for good? There are too few of such to make it worth while mentioning them. Timothy says that a minister shall have only one wife, but does not say that one shall have any peculiar duties because of his office."

#### THE DOCTRINE OF HEALING.

*The Christian Advocate*, in an editorial, makes these pointed remarks on the doctrine of Anti-medicine faith-healing. The article is headed FAITH VERSUS SUPERSTITION.

One reason that we abhor the doctrine of anti-medicine faith healing is, that there are in the United States more than one hundred thousand persons of recognized abnormal minds, including the insane and the idiotic. All the idiots and many of the deranged are blameless; they are not suffering the consequences of their sins. If there were anything of truth in this puerile dream, many of these might be healed. But these superstitious people talk on, finding their alleged marvelous but natural cures in restricted realms, such as self limited diseases or those that vary with circumstances, are relieved by changes of climate, or may be cured by the belief that they will recover.

The Christian doctrine—relating to faith and healing—is this: For what thou dost wish, *work* with all thy *strength*, and pray with all thy *faith*. If God sendeth thee success, give Him the glory. If disappointment be allotted to thee, give God the glory for the faith which trusts Him when thou canst not trace Him. Should He inspire thee with *special* gifts of prayer, and thy soul should

feel the answer sure, presume not there on; rather testify to thy general faith in God than to that which only thou couldst know, and they who are without such gifts cannot receive. In all thy prayers for physical relief make thy Saviour's prayer in the garden thy model, saying, "Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou wilt." Then will all thy prayers be answered, and faith and hope be made perfect in love. If otherwise, God sooner or later will seem to desert thee, thy testimony will fail, and they that hear thee will say, What preeminence hath faith over sight?

#### PERSONAL MENTIONS.

The paper will be one day late this week.

Brother Menaugh is conducting a series of meetings at Elkhart, Ind.

Brother J. H. Palmer reports twelve accessions at Roanoke, Ind.

Brother Keller reports six additions in the Beaver City church, Neb.

The professors at the College are conducting examinations this week.

The church at Mulvane, Kan., report one baptism by Brother J. W. Beer.

Brother J. M. Tombaugh is engaged in a revival meeting at Miamisburg, O.

Brother J. M. Murray reports a King's Children organized at Quiet Dell, Pa.

Pleasant View, Ind., reports three accessions, preaching by Brother I. N. Miller.

The sentiment expressed in the article by Bro. Shomber is worthy of special consideration.

Brother J. B. Wampler organized a church at McAlisterville, Pa., with eight members.

Will Brother Keim kindly inform us where he is? Please send us something for the EVANGELIST.

The King's Children at Dunlaps, Ind., added nine new members lately. They report interesting meetings.

I. D. Bowman has had a very pleasant experience in the way of a surprise or donation "party." He is doing good work in the city and his people appreciate it.

Bro J. M. Murray writes that the King's Children organized at Bridgeport with 52 members instead of 152 as formerly reported. They now have 76 and expect 100 by Christmas.

The Pittsburg Brethren church has a band of very earnest and efficient laborers led by Bro. D. J. Bole. Bro. Bole and Bowman have demonstrated what can be done in our cities with the Gospel-alone doctrine. We need several such men in all our large cities where the people are hungry for the true bread of heaven.

#### A GREAT HINDRANCE.

The desire of appearing to be useful, rather than of being so, is a dreadful hindrance to real usefulness. Making present visible results the measure of value for one's labor, leads to superficial habits of thought and action. Sham and show hinder excellence and reality. Setting up pretence and parade in place of truth and honesty, destroys the earnestness and sincerity of nature, corrupts the simplicity of our motives, and makes us vacillating and time-serving rather than single-hearted and true. The man whose aim is to *seem* rather than to *be*, is self-exiled from the noblest field of human activity, which lies always in the strong, deep, still, under-current of influences which, unheeded by the thoughtless multitude, act slowly, silently, but irresistibly and effectually. He is not permitted to do a thing in the best way, unless this way should happen to be that which will secure to him present honor. He will not hold on the even tenor of his way, through good report and evil report, but he must be a sort of public weathercock, shifting with every popular excitement, and ever on the lookout to win the applause or escape the blame of men. Such men love the praise of men more than the praise of God, and their empty hearts and hollow lives collapse before the pressure of temptation or adversity, as a hollow tree goes down before a hurricane. If we would be strong we must be honest, faithful, and true to ourselves, our conscience and our God.

"We never worry expect when we forget that God is good."

Is it not time to stop tinkering with the Bible and treat it as a book commanding respect and reverence? God gave it to be believed and obeyed, not to be criticized and interpreted according to variant mood and individual bias.—*Sel.*

We have become terribly familiar with sin, and we are led to think of it as accidental, as the outcome of "environment," as a misfortune, and as a bad thing toward society. We do not think and speak of it, as we should, as rebellion against God, and its wages death eternal. The spirit of God is needed to convince of sin.—*Rev. John Hall, D. D.*